Are You a Person of Courage?  
(Take this self-evaluation and decide for yourself.)

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| **True** | **False** |  |
| **http://www.goodcharacter.com/ISOC/checkbox2.gif** | **http://www.goodcharacter.com/ISOC/checkbox2.gif** | **I stand up for what is right even if I stand alone.** |
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| **http://www.goodcharacter.com/ISOC/checkbox2.gif** | **http://www.goodcharacter.com/ISOC/checkbox2.gif** | **I don't cave in to negative peer pressure.** |
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| **http://www.goodcharacter.com/ISOC/checkbox2.gif** | **http://www.goodcharacter.com/ISOC/checkbox2.gif** | **Fear of failure does not prevent me from trying things.** |
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| **http://www.goodcharacter.com/ISOC/checkbox2.gif** | **http://www.goodcharacter.com/ISOC/checkbox2.gif** | **I am not afraid to express myself just because some people might disapprove.** |
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| **http://www.goodcharacter.com/ISOC/checkbox2.gif** | **http://www.goodcharacter.com/ISOC/checkbox2.gif** | **I work to solve problems without violence.** |
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| **http://www.goodcharacter.com/ISOC/checkbox2.gif** | **http://www.goodcharacter.com/ISOC/checkbox2.gif** | **I never intentionally ridicule, embarrass, or hurt others.** |
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| **I think I am / am not a courageous person because: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | | |

***"We must build dikes of courage to hold back the flood of fear."  
- Martin Luther King, Jr.***

***Think About IT***

* Thomas Jefferson said that one person with courage is a majority. What does that mean to you?
* What is courage?
* Are there kids in your school who pick on others? How do you feel about it? Why do people allow that to happen? What could you do about it?
* Is peer pressure a very strong influence in this school? Does it take courage to resist peer pressure?

WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

1. Pick any of the discussion questions, above, and write an essay on it.

2. Describe a situation in which you showed moral courage. What was hard about it? What did it accomplish? How did people respond before you took your stand? What did they say to you afterwards?

3. What was the hardest stand you ever had to take with your friends? Did it cost you anything? What were the benefits?

4. Have you ever gone along with the crowd even though you knew it was wrong? How did you feel about yourself? What did you learn from it?

5. Write about a time when you had to give up friends because they became a negative force in your life? In what way did that take courage?

6. In what ways have you demonstrated courage in your life?

7. Consider the following behavioral definition of what courage means:  
- Stand up for what is right, even if you stand alone.  
- Don't cave in to negative peer pressure.  
- Don't avoid trying something for fear of making a mistake or failing.  
- Don't be afraid to express yourself just because some people might disapprove.  
Write an essay on any or all of the points in this definition of courage.

8. Write a letter to someone in the news whose courage has impressed you.

9. Write an essay about a historical event in which courage played a major role. (The civil rights movement offers many good examples.)